IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE,	) 235	
Plaintiff,	) Civil No	
v.  JOHN P. PHELAN, WENDY M. PHELAN, DAVID LABRIE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, O'CALLAGHAN CONSTRUCTION CO., and THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,	05-40045	FDS
Defendants.	, )	

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

The defendant United States of America, by its attorney, Michael J. Sullivan, United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, respectfully states as follows:

- 1. The United States of America has been named as a defendant to the civil action that is now pending in the Superior Court Department, Worcester County, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled <u>Citibank, N.A., as Trustee v. John Phelan, et al.</u>, Case No. 05-0197-B.
- 2. This action is removable to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § § 1441, 1442 and/or 1444.
  - 3. No prior removal of this action has been attempted.
- 4. The removal of this action is timely under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1446(b) as the United States has thirty days from the date of service to remove to federal court.

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5. Copies of all pleadings received by the defendant United States in this proceeding are attached hereto.

I hereby certify that a true copy of the above document was served upon (each party appearing <u>pro se</u> and) the attorney of record for each other party by mail on

March 1, 2005

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Respectfully submitted,

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

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05-0197 No.

CitiBank, N.A. as Trustee

Plaintiff (s)

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John P. Phelan, Wendy M. Phelan, Davidefendant (s) LaBrie, The United States of America, O'Callaghan Construction Co. and the Commonwealth of MA DOR To the above-named Defendant: The United States of America

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Raymond C. Pelote, Harmon Law P.C.

whose address is 150 California Street, Newton, MA 02458 an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the SUPERIOR COURT Department of the Trial Court at WORCESTER either before service upon plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13 (a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the plaintiff which arises out of the transaction of occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action,

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1. This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. When more than one defendant is involved, the names of all defendants should appear in the caption. If a separate summons is used for each defendant, each should be addressed to that particular defendant,

PLEASE CIRCLE TYPE OF ACTION INVOLVED: TORT -- MOTOR VEHICLE TORT --CONTRACT EQUITABLE RELIEF - CH. 93A - MEDICAL MALPRACTICE - OTHER.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You need not appear personally in court to answer the complaint, but if you claim to have a defense, either you or your attorney must serve a copy of your written answer within 20 days as specified neroin AND also file the original in the Clerk's Office, Superior Court, Room 21.

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts County of Worcester The Superior Court

CIVIL DOCKET# WOCV2005-00197-B

RE: Citibank NA Trustee v Phelan et al

02-22-05

TO:David M Rosen, Esquire
Harmon Law Offices (Mark P)
150 California Street
PO Box 610389
Newton Highlands, MA 02461-0389

#### TRACKING ORDER - X TRACK

You are hereby notified that this case is on the accelerated (X) track as per Superior Court Standing Order 1-88. The order requires that the various stages of litigation described below must be completed not later than the deadlines indicated.

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Firm trial date set	08/02/2005
Case disposed	09/01/2005

Counsel for plaintiff must serve this tracking order on defendant before the deadline for filing return of service.

This case is assigned to session B sitting in Rm 18 (Session B) at Worcester Superior Court.

Dated: 02/03/2005

Francis A. Ford Clerk of the Courts

BY: Denise D. Foley/Gail Dempsey
Assistant Clerk

Location: Rm 18 (Session B)

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, SS.

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Defendants.

#### COMPLAINT IN INTERPLEADER (Mortgage Foreclosure Surplus Proceeds)

#### INTRODUCTION

This action is being brought after a foreclosure sale on a property 812 W. Shore Drive, Winchendon, MA 01475. Citibank, N.A., as Trustee, the foreclosing mortgagee, is currently holding surplus funds that it would like to pay into Court. Citibank, N.A., as Trustee further requests that it be discharged from any further obligation involving this matter.

In the above action, Citibank, N.A., as Trustee respectfully represents:

#### **PARTIES**

1. The Plaintiff, Citibank, N.A., as Trustee, (hereinafter referred to as "Citibank") is a corporation having its usual place of business c/o Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, 10790 Rancho Bernardo Road, San Diego, CA 92127.

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- The Defendant, John P. Phelan, is upon information and belief, an individual with 2. a last known address of 812 W Shore Drive, Ashburnham, MA 01430.
- The Defendant, Wendy M. Phelan, is upon information and belief, an individual 3. c/o Attorney John J. Curley, III, McEvilly & Curley, 48 West Street, Suite 1, Leominster, MA 01453.
- The Defendant, David La Brie, is upon information and belief, an individual c/o 4. Attorney Peter M. Mirageas, 27 Prospect Street, Marlboro, MA 01752.
- The Defendant, The Unites States of America, is upon information and belief, a 5. federal agency with a usual business address of P.O. Box 9112, Stop 20800, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203.
- 6. The Defendant, O'Callaghan Construction Company, is upon information and belief, a company c/o Attorney Edwin H. Howard, Bonville & Howard, 154 Prichard Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420.
- 7. The Defendant, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue, is upon information and belief, a state agency with a usual business address of 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114.

#### FACTS

8. The Plaintiff, Citibank, was the holder by assignment of a first mortgage given by John P. Phelan and Wendy M. Phelan to Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A., dated April 11, 2003 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29719 at Page 50, securing the real estate located at 812 W. Shore Drive, Winchendon, MA 01475 ("the property").

- On October 22, 2004, Citibank foreclosed on the mortgaged property by public 9. auction.
- 10. The mortgaged property was sold to a third party for \$270,000.00.
- After satisfaction of the indebtedness to the Plaintiff, including costs of 11. foreclosure and sale, accrued interest and late charges in the aggregate sum of \$249,610.50, there is surplus now held by the Plaintiff in the amount of \$20,389.50. See Exhibit "A" attached hereto.
- The following persons and entities appear of record to be all of the persons or 12. entities having an interest in said funds held by Citibank, to wit:
  - The Defendant, John P. Phelan, is the former holder of the equity (a) of redemption and holder of a declaration of homestead.
  - The Defendant, Wendy M. Phelan, is the former holder of the (b) equity of redemption.
  - The Defendant, David La Brie, is the holder of an Execution dated (c) May 26, 2004 and recorded June 4, 2004 in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 33801 at Page 77 in the original amount of \$12,907.77.
  - (d) The Defendant, The United States of America, is the holder of a federal tax lien dated August 12, 2004 and recorded August 18, 2004 in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 34400 at Page 307 in the original amount of \$56,978.09.
  - (e) The Defendant, O'Callaghan Construction Company, is the holder of an Execution dated August 16, 2004 and recorded August 20,

- 2004 in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 34426 at Page 281 in the original amount of \$8,726.84.
- The Defendant, The Massachusetts Department of Revenue, is the **(f)** holder of a state tax lien dated October 4, 2004 and recorded October 5, 2004 in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 34774 at Page 366 in the original amount of \$13,652.77.

#### COUNT ONE

#### (DECLARATORY JUDGMENT)

- Citibank repeats and alleges Paragraph 1 through 12 and incorporates herein by 13. reference.
- Citibank believes that it runs a risk that adverse claims to the surplus proceeds 14. may be made by Defendants in this action.
- Citibank is unaware of the respective rights of the Defendants and is unable to 15. determine to whom the funds are justly due and payable.
- Citibank's only claim in interest in the surplus proceeds is to have the costs and 16. expenses that are associated with this action paid from the surplus proceeds. Citibank has at all times been willing to pay the surplus to such entities or persons as should lawfully be entitled to received the same and to whom Citibank could safely and without hazard to itself pay the same and Citibank hereby offers to transfer the surplus to this Court at such time and under such conditions as the Court may Order and Direct.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Citibank, N.A., as Trustee, prays that:

- The said Defendants be ordered to appear and present their claims, if any, to the 1. surplus funds;
- That the Plaintiff be allowed its costs, expenses and attorney's fees in this 2. Interpleader Action;
- That the Plaintiff be permitted to pay all surplus funds held by it in the amount of 3. \$20,389.50, less its fees and costs incurred in this Interpleader Action, into this Court;
- That the rights of the Defendants herein named be determined by this Court as to 4. the surplus funds paid into the Court;
- That this action be discontinued and dismissed as to the Plaintiff, it being merely 5. a stakeholder and having no interest in said funds; and

For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. 6.

Raymond C. Pelote BBØ#: 655475

David M. Rosen BBO#: 552866

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January 27, 2005

EXHIBIT "A"

SUCCESSFUL BID:

\$ 270,000.00

PAYMENT TO PRINCIPAL: \$ 249,610.50

SURPLUS FUNDS:

\$ 20,389.50

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### CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required 'v law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

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